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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**:

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Provisional Application No. 60/141,168, filed June 25, 1999. All of the above-listed references have previously been submitted to, or cited by, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an application relied upon by the subject application for an earlier effective filing date. Specifically, references 1, 16, 17, and 25 were submitted to the Patent Office in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed November 30, 2000 in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/602,864. References 2, 6-10, 18, and 21-24 were submitted to and considered by the Patent Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed September 13, 2000 in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/602,864. References 3, 4, 5, 11-15, 17-19, 20 and 23 were previously cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an Office Action issued on March 1, 2002 in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/602,864. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of these references are not required to be provided to the Patent Office since they were previously cited by, or submitted to, the Patent Office in an application relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/17267, filed June 23, 2000, is a foreign counterpart of U.S. Serial No. 09/602,864. An International Search Report was issued on September 7, 2000 in connection with PCT International Application No. PCT/US00/17267. A copy of this Search Report is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. All the references cited therein have been previously cited in the September 13, 2000 Information Disclosure Statement or the November 30, 2000 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in U.S. Serial No. 09/602,864.

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